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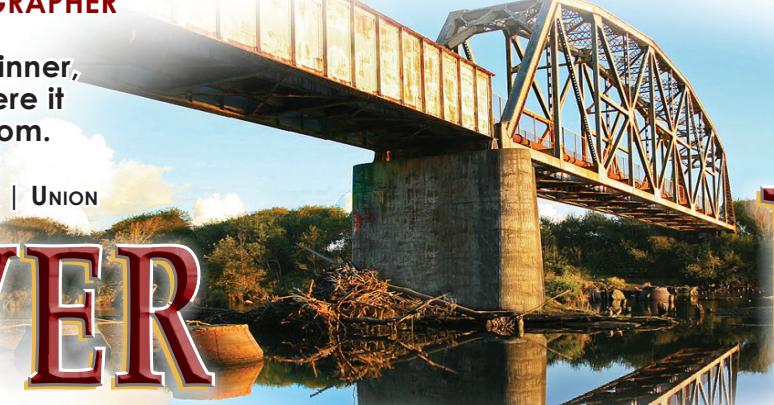
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Crash kills Cal Poly student

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ARCATA — A 21-year-old Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) student, Camila Nauta, was killed in a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Another person, also a Cal Poly student, walking with them sustained a leg injury, and a dog was killed in the collision. Witnesses said a blue Toyota Tundra struck the two pedestrians, who were walking together on the sidewalk. The truck then veered back into the street and hit another car, then drifted down the road into an embankment.

The truck's driver may have suffered a medical emergency and lost control of the vehicle, but Arcata Police Det. Sgt. Chris Ortega said that has not been confirmed. No criminal charges have been filed as of Monday.

Ortega asked that witnesses or those with information about the accident contact APD's Investigations Unit at (707) 822-2424.



Camile Nauta
Via GoFundMe

Nauta, a psychology major from Palmdale, was described in a CPH news release as "kind hearted and an animal lover." A GoFundMe account titled "Honoring Camile's Legacy, gone too soon" was established by Chad Fuller to help Nauta's family with expenses. Their mother posted this message:

"Hello to all, this is Camile's mom. I wanted to thank everybody so much. Camile always will be my love. No words can come close to what their love, that they gave me, that I will cherish forever. Camile grew so much from going to Humboldt and HSU, and found a great group of friends. I know by the awesome stories they have shared, and the love Camile felt towards those friends. Camile also would share of the love and bond those friends gave to them as well. A bond Camile loved and cherished. I will keep Camile forever in my heart until we reunite one day. Thank you All, so much."

Wetlands and Creeks Comm plans ahead

Ray Olson

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ARCATA — The City of Arcata Wetlands and Creeks Committee (WCC) held a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the Arcata Library Conference Room, where regular meetings will now be held at 5:30 p.m. on odd-numbered months.

The committee continued its discussion of the draft Resource Conservation and Management Element for the draft City of Arcata General Plan 2045. Members deliberated on suggested edits, and the committee further refined the language and intentions for this important, guiding document.

Members also received and discussed a report from the Open Space, Parks and Trails Special Tax (Measure A) Ad-Hoc Group meeting. (Measure A is an annual special tax of \$37 per parcel to fund the protection, preservation, maintenance and expansion of Arcata's parks, trails and natural open spaces.

The tax was approved by over 80 percent of Arcata voters in the 2020 November election.) The Ad-Hoc Group consists of appointed representatives from three different city committees: Parks & Rec, Forest Management and Wetlands & Creeks.

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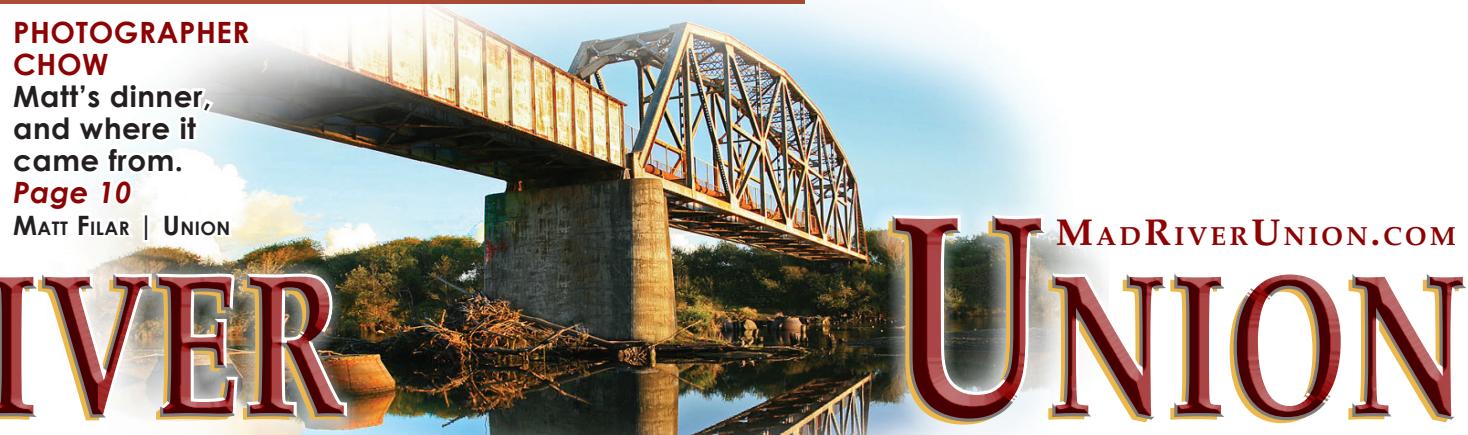
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Revised Craftsman EIR dismisses AFD worries

Doesn't consider staffing because it's not required to

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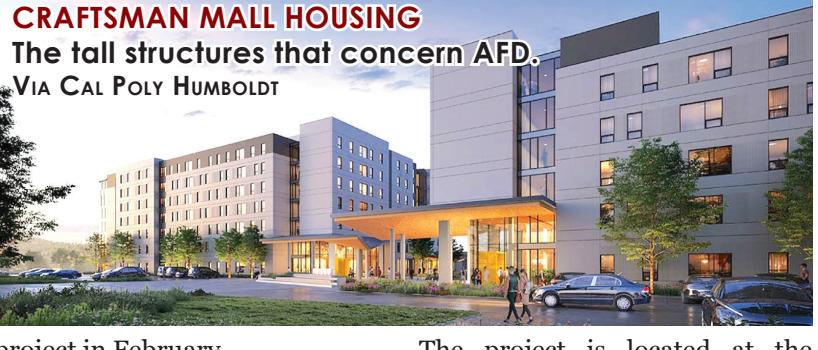
ARCATA — Cal Poly Humboldt's final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on its Craftsman Mall Student Housing Project is out. Defending the draft EIR's findings, it stands its ground in downplaying public safety issues raised by the Arcata Fire District (AFD).

Dismissing AFD concerns that it lacks the staffing and equipment to properly rescue people from seven-story buildings, Cal Poly Humboldt plans to break ground on the Craftsman Mall

CRAFTSMAN MALL HOUSING

The tall structures that concern AFD.

VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT



project in February.

The \$150 million student housing project includes two seven-story buildings providing a total of 964 beds in 240 apartments.

The project is located at the Craftsman Mall site, 12.8 acres near St. Louis Road and west of U.S. Highway 101 in Arcata.

CRAFTSMAN ❖ PAGE 4

Humboldt seeks help with \$10M storm bill

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT — Recent storms caused millions of dollars of damages in Humboldt County and pursuit of a federal disaster declaration and the funding it opens is underway.

County Sheriff Billy Honsal declared a local emergency on Jan. 12 following a series of strong storms that swept through earlier in the month.

The local emergency was ratified at a Jan. 17 special meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The storms brought down trees and power lines, flooded roadways, caused mudslides and damaged homes. Impacts were statewide and Governor Gavin Newsom declared a disaster early into the storm surges.

At the supervisors meeting, Office of Emergency

DISASTER ❖ PAGE 4



Bottoms solar project OK'd

Daniel Mintz

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ARCATA BOTTOM — The county's Planning Commission has approved a 30-acre solar power project in the Arcata Bottom, with its possibly limited lifespan being the only point of concern.

Reviewed and approved at the commission's Jan. 19 meeting, the 7 megawatt "community-scale solar energy and storage project" includes a 5 megawatt battery storage system and a "pollinator habitat program."

The full 30-acre buildout, sited on agriculture parcels bordered by Foster Avenue, Janes Road and 27th Street, will done in two phases and consist of solar panels spaced 10 to 12 feet apart with east to west sun-tracking.

Energy will be distributed via an existing power line along Foster Avenue to the PG&E substation on Sixth and I streets in Arcata.

There isn't any controversy afoot and minimal public

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McKinleyville Town Center Planning

MMAC Public Meeting Continued Town Center Discussion!

January 25, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Revised Town Center Ordinance

McKinleyville Middle School, 2275

Central Ave, McKinleyville, CA 95519

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449947337?pwd=eDNvaH5L2xyOXFUCVo3TXBQOVh2QT09> Passcode:

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The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) is reviewing a revised Town Center Ordinance. Join us to share your thoughts! Please visit the McKinleyville Town Center Master Plan web page to learn more about the project and how to participate:

<https://humboldtgov.org/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan>

KEET-TV needs you on its Community Advisory Board

KEET-TV

HUMBOLDT – KEET is looking for Community Advisory Board members. Please take a look at the two versions below and please post them in your calendars.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer in the new year, KEET-TV has an idea for you. Do something positive and become a KEET-TV Community Advisory Board (CAB) member for your local PBS station.

KEET's CAB meets online quarterly, reviews policy decisions and programming goals, and looks at the services KEET-TV provides to its viewers. See more details at KEET.org and fill out the application to become a KEET CAB member today.

KEET-TV's Community Advisory Board (CAB) is seeking members from its viewing area. The CAB meets quarterly via ZOOM and reports to the Executive Director and Board of Directors.

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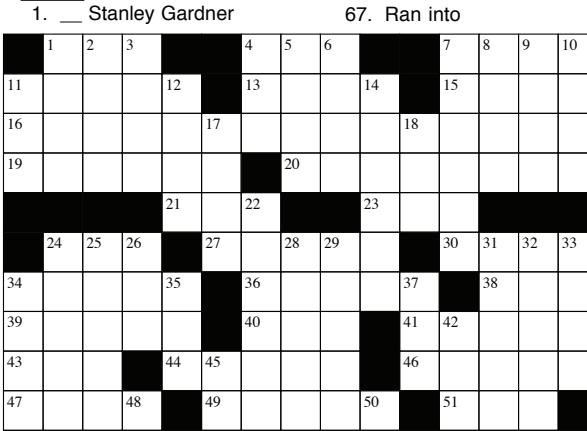
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ACROSS

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- 6. Error's partner, in phrase
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- 11. Actor Richard
- 12. Late great film director
- 13. Falling star
- 14. Farmers' lands
- 15. Thick beverage
- 16. Caballeros
- 17. Shampoo brand
- 18. Lose one's footing
- 19. Doctrine
- 20. Praise
- 21. 1/4 and 3/4
- 22. Licorice-like flavoring
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- 24. Man of the casa
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- 28. Brown meat quickly
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- 33. Baked Alaska and Cherries Jubilee
- 34. Motive
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AAUW awards annual Re-Entry Scholarships

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HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently awarded its annual Re-Entry Scholarships focused on supporting Cal Poly upper division and graduate level re-entry women students. The "re-entry" eligibility requires applicants to have had a minimum five-year interruption in their college/university educational experience.

Four scholarships were awarded ranging from \$1,000 or \$2,000. Congratulations to these very talented CPH students.

Mickelle Ammer: Mickelle is enrolled in Cal Poly Humboldt's new RN-to-BSN program. Upon graduating from the Associate Degree in Nursing program at College of the Redwoods in 2014, she began working at Providence St. Joseph Hospital. She has continued working, now part-time, facing challenges and medical debt from a serious medical condition, and managing care for her two small children. The Selection Committee was impressed by her critical thinking about the changes she wants to see in healthcare and her goal of becoming a nurse educator, but especially found her resilience to be inspirational.

Julia Bartley: Julia is working on her Master of Science degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis on Forest Ecology. Her the-

sis is in the very important arena of using prescribed fire (controlled burns) as a land management tool. She already has an excellent base in this field, having worked for eight years following her undergraduate studies at land management agencies and organizations including The Nature Conservancy. Her experiences as frequently one of the few, if only, women on largely male-dominated wildland firefighting crews, have sparked a strong desire to serve as a mentor to help traditionally under-represented students succeed in careers in natural resources.

Ashley Dickinson: Working in the field of rare plant conservation, eleven-year Humboldt County resident Ashley Dickinson is strongly committed to promoting biodiversity and understanding of how to protect threatened plants. A Master's Degree candidate in Natural Resources, her current research is focused on understanding the risk of extinction of a rare plant, the two-flowered pea, found only in Humboldt County. She has shown great dedication to her work, persisting through incredible logistical challenges and difficulties, disrupting important seasonal study times and plant access. Her community commitment includes volunteer work with the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Sarah Leidinger: Sarah is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Geology. She



AAUW AWARDEES Below, Mickelle Ammer. Above, Ashley Dickinson, Sarah Leidinger and Julia Bartley. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

currently has a very ambitious course schedule while also working part-time job as a GIS Analyst with an environmental consulting company. The Selection Committee was impressed with how articulate Sarah was, how well she explained complex concepts and talked about her work mentoring students studying GIS. Sarah is also very focused on her long-term goal of becoming a licensed Professional Geologist, a long process that will take many years following completion of her Master's Degree.

The AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. The Humboldt Branch provides these scholarships, offers other educational and leadership opportunities for local girls, and hosts various interest groups and monthly meetings to promote community engagement. For more information, visit humboldt-ca.aauw.net.

The Importance of Re-Entry Scholarships:



AAUW-Humboldt has focused on giving scholarships to women returning to school after a long break in recognition of the value that a degree can bring, but how hard it can be when family, finances, and other barriers come along. As one of our applicants wrote, the scholarships are "a great reminder that there is no straight line to our educational journey and to recognize the beauty in diverse experiences."

ADULT SKATE NIGHT WITH DJ GOLDYLOCKS AND DJ BLANCATRON Experience an event like no other – dance on skates with DJ Goldylocks and DJ Blancatron on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Blue Lake Roller Rink, 312 s. Railroad Ave. \$15 Admission includes skates; first 50 skaters will receive a complimentary concession ticket. This is an 18-plus event. For all event and partnership inquiries, please email Emily Wood at ewood@bluelake.ca.gov.

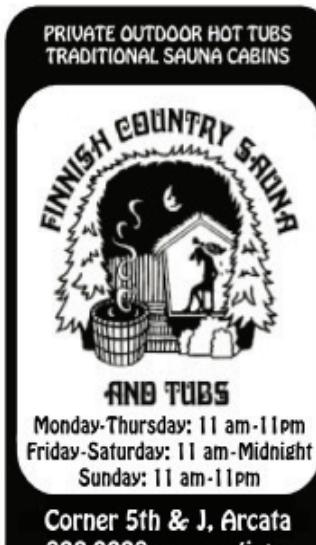
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McKinleyville Area Fund 2023 grants available

MCKINLEYVILLE AREA FUND

MCKINLEYVILLE — The McKinleyville Area Fund (MAF) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Grant program.

MAF offers small grants to non-profit 501(c)(3) groups in the McKinleyville area to help support services and activities for the community.

MAF is interested in reaching as many groups as possible. These grants are intended for special projects rather than general operating expenses.

Last year the grants funded such projects as the garden at the Mad River Adult Day Care Center, new helmets for the McKinleyville Football team, and the Winter Express for area children sponsored by the McKinleyville Lions Club.

For information about the grants and to receive an application please contact John Kulstad at (707) 839-9629 or email kulstad95@gmail.com.

Completed applications for the grants must be returned or postmarked by Friday, Feb. 17, 2023. Grant awards will be made in April, 2023.

GRANGE BREAKFAST

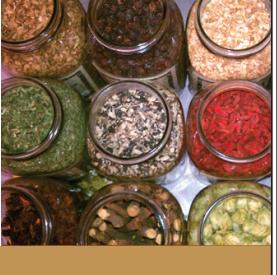
IS BACK Have breakfast with your neighbors. After a three-year hiatus the Community Breakfast at the Humboldt Grange #501 is back! Join the Humboldt Grange #501 on Saturday Jan. 28 as we welcome in 2023 with the first Community Breakfast of the season. Serving pancakes, sausage (patties or links), scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea or juice between 8 and 11 a.m. Milk and extra meat available. 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd., at the base of Humboldt Hill. We regret that due to the skyrocketing price of eggs and meat we have been forced to raise our prices. \$10 for adults, children under age 5 eat for free. For more information or to volunteer call (707) 442-4890.

FIGHT THE POWER KEET-TV will premiere *FIGHT THE POWER: HOW HIP HOP CHANGED THE WORLD* Jan. 31 at 9 p.m. Produced in partnership with BBC Music, the four-part docuseries tells the story of hip hop as an organic expression of experience that was unapologetic, fierce and empowering as it spoke truth to power and informed a nation through a different lens. The series features insightful interviews with hip hop luminaries including, Chuck D, Grandmaster Caz, Ice-T, Abiodun Oyewole (The Last Poets), Roxanne Shanté, Run DMC, John Forté, will.i.am, MC Lyte, B-Real (Cypress Hill), Melle Mel, Fat Joe, Lupe Fiasco and more.



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Craftsman | EIR ♦ FROM PAGE 1

Arcata Fire District President Randy Mendosa had submitted a lengthy list of concerns to Cal Poly Humboldt and noted deficiencies in its draft environmental impact report for the project. Last week, Cal Poly Humboldt released its final EIR, which included responses to Mendosa's comments.

Cal Poly argues that many of the core public safety issues raised by Arcata Fire do not need mitigation under the California Environmental Quality Act because they don't meet the "threshold of significance."

"The threshold of significance, which is drawn from the State CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Environmental Checklist Form, bases potential impact significance on the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts," states the EIR.

The Cal Poly EIR states that Cal Poly has coordinated with AFD on fire service facilities, "including fire lanes, aerial fire apparatus access, drive aisles, hydrant locations, and fire protection water supply and ensure that adequate on-site facilities (including emergency access to, from, and through the project site) are provided as part of the project," the EIR states.

Placing its confidence in preventive measures and stringent standards, Cal Poly notes that it will be required to conduct fire safety drills at its buildings, which will include sprinklers and other fire protection measures. "The project would be subject to the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act in the Higher Education Opportunity Act, which requires supervised fire drills, on-campus student housing facility fire strategy systems (e.g., fire sprinkler systems), policies and rules related to electrical appliances, smoke, and open flames, and evacuation procedures," the EIR states.

"All new on-site buildings would be designed to meet minimum fire and emergency safety requirements identified in the California Building Code and California Fire Code and would include appropriate fire safety measures and equipment, including the use of fire-retardant building materials, inclusion of emergency water infrastructure (fire hydrants and sprinkler systems), installation of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, emergency response notification systems, and provision of adequate emergency access ways for emergency vehicles," states the EIR. "Further, adequate right-of-way for emergency vehicles would be provided around the proposed on-site structure with hydrants spaced according to applicable requirements. As a result, development under the project would be adequately serviced by existing fire stations and facilities, and the project is not anticipated to result in a substantial increase in service calls that would require new or expanded fire protection employees or facilities."

While site access is a prime concern for AFD, the fire district says that even with that access, it simply doesn't have enough firefighters to deploy to the scene. States AFD:

"AFD staffing is not sufficient to respond to structure fire-related incidents without automatic and mutual aid assistance from neighboring fire departments... 14 firefighters arriving within eight minutes are necessary to staff the essential roles to safely carry suppression operations for a fire in a single-family dwelling. For a garden-style apartment or high-rise building, between 25 and 38 firefighters would be required {these building types represent the level of staffing required for a fire in a seven-story dormitory}. With a daily staffing of seven firefighters, AFD relies on mutual aid for all fires. Due to distance, and the fact that most of AFD's mutual aid partners are volunteers (with the exception of career firefighters at Humboldt Bay Fire in Eureka and CAL Fire in Trinidad), a total of 16 firefighters may be available at scene within 13 minutes and 38 firefighters may be available at scene in over 40 minutes."

Continues the district, "even with the automatic and mutual aid resources that would augment District response to a fire in the building type proposed in this DEIR, there is not enough available firefighting resources on-duty and immediately available to evacuate and rescue occupants and contain a fire."

But the EIR disputes AFD's evaluation, stating that "the project site is located within the current service area of the AFD and would be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable requirements, including the California Fire Code. Therefore, no additional fire protection facilities are anticipated to be necessary for AFD to adequately serve the project site, and no significant decrease in response time is expected."

It says that staffing problems aren't an environmental impact that state law requires it to mitigate.

"Although the comment indicates that more staff would be necessary to accommodate firefighting services for the project, the provision of additional firefighters or vehicles would not result in, and is not considered, a significant physical environmental impact under CEQA."

AFD had commented that it may need to expand the Mad River Station on Janes Road if it obtains more staffing or a ladder truck. The district used to have a ladder truck, but it was sold because it kept breaking down and the district didn't have enough staff to hold regular training sessions for the apparatus. Now, it says, it may need one again to respond to emergencies in both Craftsman and Gateway Area mid- and high-rise buildings.

In dismissing AFD's objection, the Craftsman EIR says AFD hasn't made the case that a ladder truck is necessary to ensure the safety of its 7-story buildings, or demonstrated that the student housing project would require the district to build more facilities.

"A shortage of funding for staff or staff training needs is not an environmental impact; moreover, because a ladder truck had been housed at the [Mad River] station, it is reasonable to assume that modifications or expansion of facilities would not be required as the result of the sale, although equipment may be shifted to other stations or other actions available to AFD. Regardless, there is not a clear connection between the operation of the Student Housing Project and the need for a new apparatus at the Mad River Station, the acquisition or ownership of which would require construction that could cause significant environmental impacts," the EIR states. "No changes to the document are required in response to this comment."

A meeting is set for today, Jan. 25, between Cal Poly Humboldt representatives and AFD. Also, the CSU Board of Trustees is to discuss the Craftsman Mall project this morning in an online meeting.

According to Mendosa, "Senator Mike McGuire has facilitated a meeting for us to meet with CPH President Tom Jackson on January 25th. We are hoping President Jackson will be able to address the public safety issues and concerns outlined in the letter."

Russell and Pablo, the shelter's two longest guests, are calm, courteous, companionable and ready to go

Sometimes we hear people comment about how sad it is that a dog has been at the shelter for a long time. Of course we would love to see every dog go to their best forever home,

but the time that they spend at the shelter isn't necessarily a bad thing. Today's column features our two longest canine residents, Russell and Pablo. I think if they could talk they would tell you that the time they've spent at the shelter has been more fun than you might have thought!

Russell's pre-shelter days involved



a lot of time outdoors by himself. That didn't leave him a lot of opportunities to learn leash manners or practice his social skills. He had a lot to learn when he first arrived! Fortunately Russell was able to work his charms on a couple of the volunteers who could see his sweet personality under the untrained exterior.

Russell has become one of our star examples of certain skills. Volunteers are asked to practice "Quiet Kennel" with the dogs when they are in the

kennel area. This is a training method that reinforces quiet and calmness in the kennels. It's amazing to be in a bank of 18 kennels and watch the dogs stop bouncing and barking and sit quietly at the front of their doors.

Russell was one of the first to catch on to this game and even though he can't wait to get out, he sits quietly as he is leashed up. We used to try and take Russell out when

there were less

dogs walking as he seemed less comfortable with the other dogs but now Russell is actually one of our go-to dogs for buddy walks! He has lots of dog friends, both male and female, that he walks and plays with.

Russell will make himself small for the littler dogs and adjusts his play style to the other dog's preference. Russell is great with humans also and loves to lean in for pets. He has a soft coat that is very satisfying to pet! Russell did have one trial adoption that didn't turn out to be a match. We did arrange for him to meet some local trainers who felt he was a great dog. Redwood Pals would facilitate another round with those trainers if Russell's future adopter was interested in pursuing that. This big sweet boy has so much potential for being a first class companion!

Russell is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, tested for heartworm and weighs in at about 80 pounds.

Pablo came to the shelter around the same time as Russell. His backstory was that he had been a companion to a traveler in eastern Humboldt County. We were told he knew quite a few obedience skills and responded to several languag-



es. We can't attest to the language skills but he certainly is a smart boy!

Pablo also had a trial adoption. Unfortunately, life circumstances required his return but his adopter praised his loyalty and responsiveness to training. Pablo has been another shelter dog that responds beautifully to our "quiet kennel" training. You can see how much he wants you to take him out when you walk by and yet he is able to calm himself for leashing up and exiting the kennel.

Pablo had a little cameo appearance in last week's column as one of Cleo's walking partners. He was so gentle with Cleo and the perfect partner for helping her gain confidence out on her walk. Volunteers find Pablo to be a nice walking buddy. At least one of our newer volunteers mentioned that he was her favorite! Pablo had a great time making a selection from the Christmas toy-palooza! He carefully sniffed through the roomful of toys to make sure he was picking the right one.

Pablo also enjoys being brushed and petted and looks forward to the day when he will have a home of his own where he can show off all his skills. Pablo is about two years old, neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on his vaccinations. He weighs about 57 pounds.

Both of these boys are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Please call (707) 840-9132 for more information or to make an appointment to meet them.

Disaster | \$3 million in roadway damages alone

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Services Director Ryan Derby said most of the county's reports on damages have come from the Department of Public Works.

"We're looking at a little over \$3 million in damages to public roadways," he continued.

Cities and community services districts are also reporting damages. "Our hope with that is to meet the threshold to get Humboldt County included in a major disaster declaration from the federal government," said Derby.

The county is still getting damage reports from the Dec. 20 and Jan. 1 earthquakes and the tallying work

includes "parsing out what was storm-related and what was earthquake-related."

Derby said private property storm damages are being tracked but whether there will be Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funding assistance for it isn't known yet.

So far, the county hasn't reached a 25-home damage threshold to qualify, he continued.

Derby said the sheriff's website - Humboldtsheriff.org - will soon have a section where private property owners can enter their damages.

That's important for tracking the county's damage total for federal disaster

declaration purposes.

If the total meets the disaster-scale threshold, then private property owners can apply for federal assistance. It includes low interest loans from the Small Business Administration.

Between earthquakes and storms, Humboldt's had a damage-prone winter so far and the importance of disaster preparation was discussed by Board Chair Steve Madrone.

"After all this settles down we'll have a debriefing with (the Office of Emergency Services) on what we learned from this series of emergencies," he said.

The recent emergencies have underscored the need

for back-up generators for "small community water systems," he continued.

Response to disasters gets down to the personal level. "We have to prepare for the next disaster now," said Honsal. "We really want to remind people to prepare for these local emergencies at their homes and at their businesses."

A website - ready.gov - is a "really great resource for disaster preparation, he continued.

Honsal reiterated the importance of pre-planning. "We need to be more resilient here and learn our lessons because that next one is coming - whatever that next one is," he said.

Solar | Installation to be decommissioned in 2058

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comment on the permitting included support from the 350 Humboldt emissions reduction advocacy group.

But one aspect of the project got the commission's attention - what a staff report describes as a 35-year lifespan.

The permit requires a "decommissioning plan" for completely removing all of the project's solar gear and returning the site to its pre-construction condition at the end of the span.

Commissioners questioned the project's longevity and how the county will ensure the plan will be carried out.

Senior Planner Cliff Johnson said if the project applicant, Renewable America LLC, is "no longer in the picture or don't want to remove it," the restoration will become "a code enforcement issue."

Commissioner Brian Mitchell broached the idea of requiring an up-front performance assurance, in the form of a bond deposit.

Johnson said the county does that for surface mining projects and it can be added as a permit condition.

Renewable America CEO Ardi Arian said if decommissioning is in order, the work won't be extensive.

The posts propping the solar panels are "driven into the ground similar to nails into a wall and we don't use any

concrete" and "the impact on the ground is basically very little."

The materials and parts of the panels are "fully recyclable," he continued, and are expected to cover decommissioning costs. "But why are you decommissioning after 35 years - we're still gonna need energy," said Commissioner Peggy O'Neill.

Arial said decommissioning isn't a favored option and "it pretty much depends on what the technology can do."

The lifespan of solar projects is expanding, he continued, and "our intention will be that we're gonna continue and perhaps purchase the land at some point or continue with a long-term lease."

Planning Director John Ford suggested that decommissioning wouldn't be problematic. "This is not a huge, huge project that would completely reconfigure the earth," he said, adding the responsibility would ultimately fall on the land owner, who is Lane DeVries of Sun Valley Floral Farms.

Further discussion revealed the project's contractual circumstances.

Construction of a first phase will start this year and power will be sold to the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA). An agreement with the agency includes posting a \$292,500 performance bond, Arial said.

Negotiations on power sales for the second phase are underway and RCEA has "already shown interest," he continued.

He said the RCEA bond is "not a small amount for our small project" and "a bigger amount can cause financial impacts ... this project is pretty tight."

Mitchell led a push for some kind of performance agreement, with Commissioner Thomas Mulder noting lack of public concerns and motioning to approve the permit.

But other commissioners supported Mitchell's amendment to the motion, to offer Renewable America a "menu of options" subject to Ford's sign-off to ensure decommissioning.

The permit with the added condition got unanimous approval.

The project includes installing a six-foot-tall chain link fence around the solar facility and construction of a new 264-foot unpaved access road.

Phase one will install 3 megawatts of the project and its construction is expected to take four months. The second phase will be operational two years or more after the first.

Renewable America's website says the company has more than 30 projects and 235 megawatts of power "under development" in California.

WCC | Long-range planning

FROM A1

The WCC reviewed and reflected on its 2022 year's progress and discussed goals for the 2023/24 Fiscal Year. This information will be augmented into the Committee's Annual Report and be presented to Council in the near future. Discussion included:

1. Support city staff in implementation of the MS4 (stormwater quality) permit including education and outreach. The permit requires the city to implement a variety of actions to reduce pollution in urban stormwater runoff to protect the water quality of local creeks, rivers and Humboldt Bay.

2. Maintain active participation in the city's Open Space, Parks and Trails Special Tax (Measure A) Ad-Hoc Group. Funds are being allocated for fish monitoring in Janes and Jolly Giant Creeks.

3. Continue to review and provide policy recommendations to support habitat, water quality, and climate resiliency, including the Local Coastal Plan (LCP) updates; the Strategic Infill Redevelopment Program (SIRP); and the draft General Plan 2045. (Visit the city's website at cityofarcata.org for more information about the city's long-range planning efforts.)

4. Explore Cal Poly Humboldt partnership opportunities and support city staff in development of potentially paid, unpaid, and/or standardized internship opportunities focused on protecting Arcata's wetlands and creeks resources. The city has had several successful collaborative projects with Cal Poly Humboldt students, including a recent project to remove non-native invasive plants in the Sunny Brae Park.

5. Support city staff in sea level rise adaptation, planning and implementation efforts, including review of Thriving Earth Exchange research. Thriving Earth Exchange is a non-profit organization that assists local governments with science-based project review (thrivingearthexchange.org).

6. Support city staff to develop a long-term management plan for the Jacoby Creek Gannon Slough Wildlife Area Complex within the City of Arcata.

7. Explore opportunities for inter-committee information sharing and idea exchange with the Wetlands and Creeks Committee. (More information on all city committees can be found at cityofarcata.org.)

8. Explore formation of subcommittees to support city staff, as needed and feasible (such as preparing grant proposals).

Committee members also discussed the idea of adding additional goals: updating the Creeks Management Plan and developing a formal Jolly Giant Creek Rehabilitation Plan. Two

committee members (and a local, river science consultant volunteer) have been working with city staff on developing a potential rehabilitation work plan that may be submitted for grant funding, once it is completed.

Currently, there are nine city committees, and all

held meetings are recorded. Currently, all recordings are retained for up to one year, and are available upon request to staff.

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Tall Buildings are unfeasible in the Gateway Area Plan

The Jan. 10, 2023, meeting of the Planning Commission was especially informative about the prospect of taller buildings in the Gateway area. We heard from Eric Loudenlager of the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire District, who told us that the AFD could not safely protect the occupants of a building taller than four stories. Even at four stories it is a dicey situation. “We’ve basically been lucky,” he said. “We’re telling them not to build another four-story Sorrel until we have a bigger fire department.” (Referring to the 2022-built Sorrel Place on Seventh Street.)

I spoke to the commissioners concerning a two-hour conversation with renown sea level rise and Humboldt/Arcata Bay expert Aldaron Laird. In addition to the known threat of sea level rise, we have here in Arcata the matters of rising ground water (from increased flooding and from sea level rise) and the breaching of the dikes that keep the rising bay water away from low-lying land areas.

The 2005 New Year’s Eve king tide/storm — declared a “state of disaster” after bay waters came over U.S. Highway 101 — was the highest water elevation recorded to that date. Our average King Tide heights now are less than a foot lower than that flooding event. It’s likely that we will have regular flooding of the lowland areas in Arcata within 20 years, and sea level rise

into portions of the Gateway area within 30 or 40 years.

Having groundwater just a few feet below the surface affects the design and cost of constructing foundations. Sea level rise to levels where Gateway buildings would be located is just about certain to occur within the useful life of any apartments built there. And the Coastal Commission, which has jurisdiction over any proposed project south of Eighth Street (this includes the AmeriGas site, the Greenway site, the Wing Inflatables site, the trailer park, and more) has shown from recent considerations that they are looking at the 100-year sea level rise projections to assess safety and viability.

To put that in perspective, in 100 years, by current projections, about 80 percent of the Gateway area will be underwater.

To add to all this, the recent OLLI presentation about affordable housing was also brought up at this Planning Commission meeting. At that presentation, Danco President Chris Dart stated that any residential construction over four stories is not economically feasible in Arcata. (The deep financial resources of the university are the exception.) That is to say, housing priced so people can afford to live there cannot be done with taller buildings. Danco has built more affordable housing and more taller buildings than

any other developer up here. I’d say Chris Dart knows what he’s talking about.

By continuing to disregard acknowledged experts, Arcata Community Development Director David Loya insists on promoting a plan which cannot — in its current form — possibly succeed. Is it a 20-year plan for 500 apartments, or a 60-year plan for 3,500 apartments? Will homes actually be offered for purchase from a plan that only “encourages” condominium home-ownership, or will it be the case, as David Loya stated on June 28, “when I met with the Humboldt Association of Realtors, they told me that there’s no way you’re going to get condominium projects.”

Arcata needs a good plan. This Gateway plan is not it. It’s not feasible. And, as I’ve said again and again, a plan that can’t be built is not really a plan at all.

The plan needs to be simpler, more practical, and actually possible — and with true affordable housing and home-ownership opportunities, as David Loya and the City’s plan have promised, over and over. They have promised this, and they are incapable of making good on this promise.

I say: Let’s make this plan better.

Fred Weis started Arcata1.com out of concern that information needed for good decision-making was not being accurately supplied by our city government. He can be reached at fred@arcata1.com.



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It being 2023, going green has never been easier

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department encourages community members to keep the environment in mind as you make your New Year’s resolutions. Here are a few easy and green New Year’s resolutions that can help make an impact in 2023.

1. Bring and use reusables. It is always best to utilize reusable containers like a reusable water bottle or a reusable shopping bag.

Now, with the Single Use Disposables Foodware Ordinance in place, restaurants and cafés will be accepting clean and durable reusable containers. A discount of 25 cents per order will be provided when bringing reusable, durable containers from home such as coffee mugs, takeout containers, etc.

2. Drive less. When possible, skip

the car and walk, bike or take public transportation instead. No bike? No worry! The City of Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt have partnered with Tandem Mobility to bring low-cost bike sharing to Arcata!

There are currently four bike share locations in Arcata: 1) corner of Eighth and G streets, 2) corner of Ninth and G streets, 3) Harry Griffith Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt, and 4) the lower level of Jolly Giant Commons at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Four more stations are being added in the coming months. More information can be found on the City of Arcata website: cityofarcata.org/800/Walking-Biking.

3. Explore plant-based options. Reducing the amount of meat consumed, even by a small amount, is enough to make a difference. Start small and reduce personal meat in-

take. Have fun exploring different plant-based options at your favorite grocery store, farmers market and restaurants. Consider participating in No Meat Monday or pick another day to not eat meat!

4. Stop wasting energy at home. Save energy (and money!) by getting a programmable thermostat, adjusting water heater temperature, and unplugging appliances and fixtures when not in use.

5. Register to vote (and turn up!). Voting is arguably the most powerful individual action that a person can take. Do research and understand candidates’ stances before you show up at the polls.

For more information on how live a greener lifestyle, visit cityofarcata.org or call the Environmental Services Departments at (707) 822-8184.

These New Year’s resolutions represent enduring challenges

2023 arrived with a bang, not a whimper, quite literally. An earthquake late in December reminded everyone we live in earthquake country. And over eight inches of rain, little sunshine and howling winds in metro Eureka reminded “longtimers” here in Humboldt of normal winter weather.

The rain, of course, is welcome but the quake and aftershocks coupled with the intense damaging winds has put many of us on edge, especially our crit-

ters. The amount of rain would be nicer spread over many weeks not hours, but then we have little say in the matter.

For most folks the new year brings with it New Year’s resolutions, or so we are told every year by newscasters and social pundits. By the time you read this column chances are most of the resolutions

have faded from memory.

The Human Rights Commission (and my) resolutions for the new year are the usual recycled assortment of wishes.

First, we eliminate hate. An enormous task considering humanity’s 5,000 years of written

history.

Second, we end the trafficking of children and women in our community.

Third, complementing the first resolution, we overcome racism in all its forms.

Fourth, we shelter the homeless, and treat the mentally ill with compassion. And, finally, we encourage more citizen participation within and outside the commission.

Despite the difficulties inherent in these goals, we can make great progress with a few fairly simple steps. The first three can be

addressed with education recognizing that cultural differences strengthen society by enlarging bonds among people, enabling us to overcome adversity with creative ideas coming from many perspectives.

Education will also allow us to recognize the real bad actors out there who attempt to harm those who are perceived to be weaker or different. The last two goals require the response of our local Board of Supervisors. An accountability report on monies spent (budgetary and grant) to solve the homeless and behavioral health problems is their fiduciary responsibility. Their oversight is long overdue.

Finally, the Board can do more to encourage our diverse population, especially our youngest members, to participate in all its advisory commissions by making them more than rubber-stamps that only creates mediocrity and ineffectual governance.

If these issues or resolutions interest you, contact the Human Rights Commission by mail at hhr.co.humboldt.us, by phone message at (707) 268-2548, or attending our regularly scheduled monthly meetings (info available at humboldtgov.org).

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Things you didn't know were things until someone wrote a thing and we put it in the thing

Regarding Nancy

Note: Arcata City Councilmember Alex Stillman wrote in response to John Heckel's column in the Senior News last month, "Foul Play," about the December death of Nancy Ann Barnes in front of Arcata City Hall:

Nancy stayed near City Hall and downtown on and off for over a year. During this time, she made many friends and connected with both county and Arcata House Partnership Resources.

Nancy and her dog, Bear, had regular visitors and enjoyed rock and roll music. Many people worked with Nancy to develop housing options and connect her to medical services. She accepted medical assistance but was not yet interested in housing.

During this period in her life, she did often sleep under the awning in front of City Hall. The morning she was found to have passed, her bedding was dry and warm.

The coroner has released the following information: "Mrs. Barnes died of natural causes: sudden cardiac death due to acute myocardial infarction. The doctor advised Mrs. Barnes had hypertensive heart disease. There were negative results for routine controlled substances."

Many people have asked about her dog, Bear. Bear was rehomed and Nancy's next of kin have been notified should they wish for other arrangements to be made.

Alex Stillman
Arcata

Grow responsibly

There's an important election coming up that all Coast Central Credit Union members need to be aware of. This is a particularly important election because members haven't been able to vote on board membership for the last nine years. We both believe voting should be part of the culture of a healthy member organization. Ballots have just gone out to all members and must be post marked by January 31.

The ballot itself looks like another piece of junk mail, with a return address of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Austin, MN. There's nothing on the envelope to indicate it is from Coast Central or that it contains a ballot.

We are recommending voting for Rees Hughes, Maricela Aceves Wexler, and James Kloor, in part because these three are interested in increasing opportunities for members' voices to be heard. They want to institute best practices like reasonable board term limits, make the annual member meeting a real opportunity for members to ask questions and learn about CCCU, and encourage the Board to hold member listening sessions. As a not-for-profit, we would appreciate seeing CCCU leverage its important role as a credit union to better address community issues. We believe that CCCU can do this and still be the best financial institution on the North Coast.

Greg Blomstrom and Debby Harrison
Fieldbrook

Notification makes a difference

Open letter to Ron Rudebock, board chair of the Coast Central Credit Union

Dear Ron:

First, thank you for your years of service to our beloved Credit Union.

However, this is the first time in all my years as a CCCU member that I have heard from you — and this, only through a paid advertisement in our equally beloved *Mad River Union*.

This ad seemed to want me to just assume that "everything's under control" at CCCU,

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and there's no need for me, or any of our other 72,000 members, to worry about who, exactly, is running OUR ship, or how long they've had a hand on the rudder. Yes, I'll grant that the CCCU Board may be doing a great job — but how would I know?

When is the last time we members were informed of an annual meeting?

When were we last notified about upcoming elections to "our" Board of Directors?

I can't remember.

If you wonder why some of our members took it upon themselves to gather signatures and run for the Board, I suggest that the answer is very clear: You may be doing a great job running the ship, but you've failed at letting your members know. Well-advertised annual meetings and elections are not to be feared: No — they are a sign of a healthy community-based business. They are a sign that the "owners" care about their business. Hence the need for transparency in elections.

Respectfully,
Bob Rottenberg
Arcata

Kimberley was right

I'd like to thank Councilmember Kimberley White for her wisdom and courage in questioning and ultimately voting against the authorization of the MOU for the Terner Housing Policy Dashboard. According to the MOU: "This agreement describes a collaborative effort to build a shared research and policy simulation tool using Arcata land use and policy data." Sounds good; it's just a tool, right? And it's free at that, so what's not to like? That's how Community Development Director David Loya and Kimberley's colleagues on the council appeared to frame their arguments.

But Kimberley had done her homework, and it's thanks to her we soon found out who the investors are behind the Terner group. The list includes major banks like Wells Fargo, Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, investors like Morgan Stanley, social media moguls like Meta (aka "Facebook"), the James P. Irvine Foundation, and Fannie Mae (famous for their role in the 2008 economic meltdown and housing crash).

The Terner Housing group appears to have respectable ties, as it is supported by and housed on the UC Berkeley campus. But once you unravel the incestuous relationship between the real estate industry and academia, the picture becomes more clear.

To illustrate this, allow me digress a bit. A few months ago, Community Development Director David Loya sent me a video by VOX touting the "supply lessens demand" argument. (I had just emailed him about my concerns with the Gateway Project being developer driven, rather than propelled by the desires of the community.) The argument goes that by adding to the supply of housing (all types and incomes), this lessens demand and frees up more housing for everyone else. OK, maybe for the relatively well-off, but for folks in the lowest income bracket, like students and POC, not so much.

In fact, there will always be a dearth of affordable units, because we are so far behind when it comes to building housing, much less affordable housing, that we can't begin (or build enough) to keep up with demand. That is, you don't have to have a degree in rocket science to detect the flaws in this argument.

Tim Redmond (former editor of the *Bay Guardian* and currently *48 Hills*) points out the argument's major flaw. When you increase the supply, you also increase the demand for

more services to meet the needs of these folks — that is, we need more teachers, doctors, store clerks, etc. — hence additional workers needing housing! With the dearth of housing being built over the decades, there's bound to be an insatiable demand for housing that can only be exacerbated in the coming years.

San Francisco is a case in point. The city has built more housing, including 100 percent affordable and market rate housing, than just about any other city in California. Not only hasn't it lessened demand, but they're still building in order to keep up! Their chief economist has recognized this, even while academics at my alma mater (UC Berkeley) insist that market rate housing doesn't displace people. Tell that to my former neighbors in Oakland (including myself), who've been driven out by high rents, including about a quarter of Black community members who once had a vibrant presence there.

Let's take a look at some of the funders of the studies promoting the "supply lessens demand" argument and here's the lowdown: Many of the studies are at least partially funded by the real estate and finance industry. For instance, the UC Berkeley study (first up on the VOX video) is partially funded by The Fisher Center for Real Estate, which touts itself as "leaders in the real estate and finance industry" (according to their self-description). Does that sound like a disinterested group to you?

Incidentally, Donald Fisher, conservative billionaire and founder of The GAP, was the CAL alumnus/billionaire who endowed UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. I don't know about you, but that doesn't inspire much confidence in me that these studies are unbiased.

So Kimberley noticed some of the same connections with the Terner Housing Lab and was brave enough to call them out. "It's just a tool" some would say, but actually it's much more than that. This allows outside investors and banks to dictate and influence housing policy in our community for years to come.

Make no mistake, Humboldt County is viewed as a "red hot market" for investment by outside financiers (according to Forbes), and if we're not careful our housing policies will be dictated by their concerns, not ours. Read between the lines of the MOU, like Kimberley did, and you'll find that the Terner group is quite focused on relaxing local regulations to benefit outside investors who have no stake in our community, other than maximizing profit on their investments.

As Kimberley rightly points out, there's no room for community engagement in this "useful tool." And as one public commenter pointed out, "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

Please, if you can spare the time, go back and watch this item at the City Council meeting concerning the MOU for the Terner Housing Lab's dashboard. I hope you will be as thrilled and encouraged by Kimberley's willingness to speak out for our community as I was when I first viewed that exchange on the council. It's very telling of who cares about equity in our community and who doesn't (being on the side of developers).

We have a true advocate for community engagement in Kimberley, ready to stand up to outside corporate influence on local housing policy. Again, please go back and watch that if you can, and if you like what you see, write to your reps on the City Council to show your support for the courageous stance taken by Kimberley White. It wasn't easy for her by any means as she's a newbie up there, and I know she prefers to be a team player. So that took guts and then some!

Just from my perspective, it appears that there are some folks up there trying to bully her into submission. It took enormous courage for her to buck the trend and speak out as

a newbie, and I couldn't admire her more for staying true to her convictions. So please support her in any way you can. Thank God she held firm for all our sakes, especially the most vulnerable among us who could be forced out by policy decisions dictated by WIMBY's (Wall Street players). Kudos, Kimberley!!! We have your back!

Lisa Pelletier
Arcata

Stop ACO REACH

Jan. 1, 2023, marked the first day of the last days of Medicare as we have known it. It was established by LBG 58 years ago and has been a cherished healthcare safety net for people 65 and up and people w/ chronic disabilities. But all that is coming to an end if Wall Street has its way.

Already, some 50 percent of Traditional Medicare has been usurped by Medicare Advantage schemes, recently revealed to have defrauded the Federal Government of some \$12-24 BILLION just in the year 2020. Now, a new, even more rapacious program authorized by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation is allowing a program, starting this year, called ACO REACH to further plunder the Medicare Trust Fund. Already 204 companies have been launched under ACO REACH (Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access and Community Health). But that name is as phony as the techniques used to profit from the Medicare Trust Fund that we pay into every month.

Who are they and how do they do this? Under this program, any private equity group, venture capitalist, investment bank or insurance company can muscle into the healthcare industry as middlemen between us and our doctors, taking away our choices for our own care. They lure providers to align senior patients into the program without their express knowledge or consent and then the money starts to flow... into corporate wallets.

The typical MO of these profiteers is to secure enrollment of the healthiest seniors, drop those who become ill and costly, deny expensive care and present data to the Govt. that makes their enrollees look sicker than they are in order to increase capitated amounts allowed for each beneficiary.

ACO REACH plans may keep up to 40% of their take from the Medicare Trust Fund for marketing, administrative costs and profit. They are required to spend only 60% on actual care. Notice that United Health has just posted its fourth quarter PROFITS as \$4.9 BILLION. With REACH they, and others like them, are just getting started. This is a death knell for traditional Medicare.

It is up to us to stop this thievery. So many of our elected representatives are bought by corporate lobbyists. Only an overwhelming public outcry, working to get money out of politics and determined search for incorruptible candidates can fix our broken healthcare system.

In the meantime, since ACO REACH is a creature of the Trump administration, and not authorized by Congress, President Biden can eliminate it with the stroke of a pen. Go to protectmedicare.net and sign the petition to Biden to do just that and give us the chance to improve and expand Medicare to everyone so that it will continue to benefit our children and grandchildren. **PROTECTMEDICARE.NET**

Patty Harvey

Co-Chair, Humboldt Chapters of Health Care for All-California and Physicians for a National Health Program
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Willow Creek

Ciudad de Arcata declaración de apoyo en contra del odio y vandalismo

Ciudad de Arcata

Desde su formación, Centro del Pueblo ha presentado un diálogo relacionado con la experiencia inmigratoria. Han continuado de promover y empoderar temas de justicia racial y equidad en Humboldt County al mismo tiempo que unen a grupos diversos de personas. El Jardín Santuario proporciona un lugar seguro con fines de educación, comunidad y resiliencia dentro de la ciudad de Arcata. Centro del Pueblo actúa como guardián del Jardín Santuario cuyo lugar fue vandalizado por quinta vez justo antes de terminar el año 2022.

El letrero y tablero de anuncios del jardín fue tumbado y la reja que típicamente permanece abierta y sin candado, fue cerrada. Se cita a Brenda Perez del Centro del Pueblo, "el hecho de dejarnos afuera físicamente, ha sido una práctica frecuente de hostilidad en contra de inmigrantes."

El 7 de junio del 2017, Arcata aprobó una ordenanza declarándose una ciudad Santuario. La ordenanza declaró que el alcalde de la ciudad de Arcata y el ayuntamiento afir-

maron y expresaron que los valores fundamentales de la ciudad incluyen, independientemente de nacionalidad o ciudadanía, poder crear un ambiente de bienvenida e inclusividad, protegiendo y preservando los valores de democracia y libertad, respetando la dignidad y derechos humanos de todas las personas. Declararon que Arcata es un lugar seguro para todos, incluyendo, pero no limitante a gente inmigrante de cualquier país, de color, de todas las religiones, identidades de género, orientación sexual, discapacidad y toda comunidad vulnerable. Esto aún nos suena cierto.

El ayuntamiento de Arcata permanece firme en su posición de cero tolerancia hacia toda forma de incitación al odio y vandalismo en nuestra sociedad y apoya firmemente el Centro del Pueblo y al Jardín Santuario.

El Departamento de policía de Arcata ha investigado este incidente e incidentes previos de vandalismo y odio en el jardín. Se le aconseja a cualquiera que tenga información o grabaciones de cámara del reciente vandalismo, llamar al Departamento de policía de Arcata.

City of Arcata statement of support against vandalism and hate

CITY OF ARCATA

Since their formation, Centro del Pueblo has brought the discussion surrounding immigration and human experience to the forefront. They have continued to promote and empower racial justice and equity all across Humboldt County while uniting a diverse group of people. The Sanctuary garden provides a safe space for education, community and resiliency within the city of Arcata.

Centro del Pueblo acts as the caretakers of the Sanctuary Garden which was vandalized for the 5th time right before the end of 2022. The garden's welcome sign and bulletin board was knocked down and the gate, which usually remains open and unlocked, was locked. To quote Brenda Perez of Centro del Pueblo, "the impact of locking us out physically has been a recurrent practice of hostility against immigrants."

On June 7, 2017, Arcata passed an ordinance declaring Arcata a Sanctuary City. The ordinance stated that the City of Arcata's Mayor and City Council affirm and express

that the core values of the City of Arcata to include, regardless of nationality or citizenship status, creating a climate of welcome and inclusiveness, protecting and preserving the values of democracy and freedom, and respecting the human dignity and human rights of all persons and declared that Arcata is a safe place for everyone, including, but not limited to, immigrants from all countries, people of color, people of all religions, gender identity, sexual orientation, people with disabilities and all vulnerable communities.

This still rings true. The Arcata City Council stands united in our zero-tolerance position against all forms of hate speech and vandalism in our City and stands in support of Centro del Pueblo and the Sanctuary Garden.

The Arcata Police Department has been investigating this incident and previous incidents of vandalism and hate at the garden. Anyone who has information or camera footage of this recent vandalism is encouraged to call the Arcata Police Department.

SCENE

❖ ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

Spend quality time with Emily Dickinson

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA — *The Belle of Amherst*, a one-woman play based on the life of the poet Emily Dickinson, will be performed Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. Doors open 30 minutes before each show.

The Belle of Amherst was written by William Luce,

and originally opened on Broadway in 1976. Humboldt county veteran actress Toodie Boll, first performed as Emily Dickinson in the *Belle of Amherst* 40 years ago at the Pacific Art Center, which was housed in the old creamery building where the Arcata Playhouse now resides.

At that time, Boll was only 29, and needed stage makeup to age herself to

Emily's age of 53. Now, Boll has matured to a deeper understanding of Emily; her passion for all living things, her awe of nature in all its forms.

During the play, Emily shares tea and stories of her life and loves with her guests, the audience. Luce's play depicts Emily not as a tortured soul but as a creative one with a mischievous sense of humor, who

deliberately chooses her life of seclusion over societal involvement.

The play is filled with Emily's poetry and excerpts from her letters, recollecting her encounters with the significant people in her life. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 on a sliding scale and are available online at playhouserts.org, at Wildberries Marketplace, or reserve at (707) 822-1575.



CHAMBER MUSIC Left, Mark Creaghe, violoncello; Gwen Post, violin; Holly MacDonell and Julie Fulkerson, violins. Right, Brian Post, piano; Fred Tempas, tuba; Heather Benson, baritone sax; Danny Gaon, bass; Jared Coyle, alto sax; Chris Cox, trumpet; Ben Aldag, drums; Dan Aldag, trombone; Ronite Gluck, horn. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sunday afternoon chamber music concert in Arcata

Franklin Stover

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

ARCATA — A free concert of chamber music will be offered in Arcata on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Lutheran Church of Arcata. Starting at 2 p.m., the concert will feature talented local musicians playing on strings and wind instruments.

The program will feature the music of Mozart, Emile Bernard and various jazz composers. The Lutheran Church of Arcata at 151 E. 16th St., Arcata will host the performance. A donation is suggested for the non-profit group.

Mozart is first up on the program featuring his last written string quartet, his oft celebrated *String Quartet #23 in F Major, K. 590*. Significant for several reasons; not only was it his last quartet, the composer died within a year of its completion. Even with time running out, Mozart wrote over 30 works between this work and the year of his death at age 35. The year was 1791.

The quartet #23 was written for and dedicated to the King of Prussia, Friedrich Wilhelm II, an amateur cellist. It is one of three "Prussian quartets" written in the style of Joseph Haydn, a favorite of the King. The

work is in four movements featuring contrasting sections of fast and slow, a spirited minuet and trio with an electric final movement. Musicians include Gwen Post and Julie Fulkerson, violins; Holly MacDonell, viola; and Mark Creaghe, violoncello.

Sandwiched in between classical and romantic era composers, the chamber players insert a portion of jazz-inspired pieces to disrupt things just a bit. With more emphasis on the upbeat, some of the pieces they'll be playing include arrangements of *God-child* (1949) by George Wallington, *Birth of the Cool* in an arrangement by Gerry Mulligan, *Moon Dreams* (1942) by Chummy McGregor, *Israel* (1949) by John Carisi, and *Move* (1949) by Denzil Best.

Musicians include Jared Coyle, alto sax; Heather Benson, baritone sax; Chris Cox, trumpet; Dan Aldag, trombone; Ronite Gluck, horn; Fred Tempas, tuba; Brian Post, piano; Danny Gaon, bass; and Ben Aldag, drums.

Returning to civility, we take in Emile Bernard's less raucous *Divertissement*. With this work, size of the woodwind quintet is doubled to include two of every instrument. The large multi-movement work was

written for the Société des Instruments à Vent in 1888, the same group that three years earlier asked Charles Gounod to compose his famous *Petite Symphonie* for 9 winds. Bernard's piece simply adds a tenth player to the genre that calls for two woodwinds quintets playing side by side.

The extended 23-minute work is both lush, melodic, upbeat, and makes a lot of demands on performers. Barely a dull moment, the mostly chirpy, happy piece takes a somber turn in the third movement but concludes on a positive note. Not a prolific composer, Emile Bernard spent most of his time at the organ playing for the Notre Dame des Champs from 1885 to 1895.

His best known work is a violin concerto dedicated to Sarasate. Featured musicians are Gary Lewis and Rebekka Lopez, flutes; Virginia Ryder and Susan Sisk, oboes; Gwen Gastineau-Ayoob and Kenneth Ayoob, clarinets; Danny Gaon and Michael Kibbe, bassoons; Donald Bicknell and Anwyn Halliday, horns.

These concerts start at 2 p.m. sharp and include an intermission. At the conclusion of the concert, attendees may meet and greet the players.

1969 AHS graduate pens life story, pays tribute to mother

FUKUOKA, JAPAN — Robert W. Norris, a 1969 Arcata High School graduate, Vietnam War conscientious objector and long-time resident of Japan, has announced the publication of his life story, which he calls "a tribute to my mother."

In *The Good Lord Willing and the Creek Don't Rise: Pentimento Memories of Mom and Me* (Tin Gate Books, 2023), Norris explores the separate life paths that he and his mother, Kay, traveled and the bond between them that was as constant as her unconditional love.

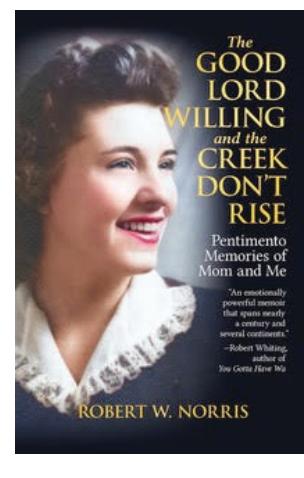
The early chapters put the reader in Kay's shoes as she grows up during the Depression, marries young, rebels against her husband's controlling family, battles the Catholic Church authorities, remarries, and starts anew as a legal secretary in her forties.

The book then recounts how, after an idyllic childhood in the redwoods, Norris goes to military prison as

a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War, embraces the counterculture upon release, wanders the world in search of his identity, and eventually lands in Japan, where he finds his niche as a university professor, spends two years as the dean of students, and retires as a professor emeritus.

Norris said, "My purpose in writing this story was to try to evoke the importance of family bonds in helping us overcome difficult times and to remind people not to be afraid of the unknown. I believe it's a good book for not only mothers and sons but also for people who've wondered what the road less traveled would've been like had they just taken that first step. I hope readers come away from it with a positive feeling."

Robert W. Norris is the author of three novels, a novella, and several research papers on teaching. He and his wife live near Fukuoka, Japan.



90-MINUTE MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 28. Meet leader Katy Allen at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on Marsh plants, birds, and/or ecology. Masks are strongly recommended inside the building. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves, and packaged snacks. Please bring your own drinking

Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create

bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly

water. Contact Jeremy Cashen at jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com or (214) 605-7368.

MARSH FIELD TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Gary Friedrichsen at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails, a beautiful view of Humboldt Bay, and a diverse range of winter birds, including ducks, geese, shorebirds, raptors, loons, grebes and mergansers.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join

Margo Price coming to Cal Poly

CENTERARTS

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT — CenterArts is proud to announce that Margo Price will bring her *Til The Wheels Fall Off Tour* with special guest Lola Kirke to the Van Duzer Theater on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

Prepare yourself for a night full of great melody, rock and roll, psychedelic country, and rhythm and blues that make up the unique sounds of Margo Price.

She is a sonic explorer who traverses new sounds and influences confidently. In just three remarkable solo albums, the singer-songwriter has cemented herself as a force in American music and a generational talent, a deserving critical darling.



Margo Price

Her achievements include Best New Artist Grammy nomination, Americana Music Honors, and a Saturday Night Live performance.

For tickets call (707) 826-3928 or visit centerarts.humboldt.edu.

DEAD TRIBUTE SHOW Grateful Getdown - Three Year Anniversary Show will perform Friday, Jan. 27 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Join this all-star cast of local musicians as they celebrate their three-year anniversary of recreating the sounds of the Grateful Dead. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

BARN DANCE Celebrate the new year and come to the first Humboldt Folklife Society Barn Dance in 3 years! The dance will be held at the Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Arcata, on Friday, Jan. 27, with live music by Cidermill, an old time string band, and caller Lyndsey Battle. The doors open at 7 p.m. with instructed dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. General admission is \$10; Humboldt Folklife Members, students, and seniors get in for \$5. Children under 12 and veterans get in for free. No experience or partner needed, and all ages welcome! Beer, cider, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks available. Volunteers needed, who can get in the door free and also a free beverage. Email hunfolklife@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

JAM BAND AT THE JAM Ophelia's Daydream will perform Friday, Jan. 27 at The Jam at 915 H Street in Arcata. Ophelia's Daydream is a jam band from Humboldt County bringing lots of new energy as they cover the Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd and the Beatles. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, call (707) 822-5266 or visit thejamarcata.com.

LIL PETE AND LIL LEE Lil Pete with Lil Yee will perform Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. San Francisco rapper Lil Yee shares *Sacrifice*, a searing new single. The track kicks off with a verse from DZ, who reflects, "Stayed down until I got it right, I wasn't living right," before Yee comes in with a smooth and plaintive hook and Lil Pete (who happens to be Lil Yee's cousin) declares his loyalty to his family, willing to sacrifice anything. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

MAZZOTTI'S Jah Warrior Shelter High Fidelity will perform Saturday, Jan. 28 at Mazzotti's at 773 Eighth St. in Arcata. Jah Warrior Shelter High Fidelity is an award-winning sound system based in the San Francisco Bay Area. The show starts at 10 p.m. 21 and over. For more information, call (707) 505-7221 or visit mazzottis.com.

COMING UP Dirtwire will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. Margo Price will perform at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Jon McLaughlin will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

stantial amount of walking, some of it on cobble, muddy, or steep surfaces.

MARSH WORKDAY A workday takes place Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. It has been a wet and blustery beginning to 2023 – too wet to be in the forest or on the Bay Trail North. But the Arcata Marsh needs some attention, so that is where we will be. We will gather at the small parking lot just north of the City Corporation Yard. We will work rain or shine! We'll be picking up trash, knocking back some invasives, and trimming blackberries.

EXIT THEATRE Olde Worlde Theatre Presents the time honored Grimms' Fairy Tale classic *The Breman Town Musicians* at EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Second Floor, in Arcata Jan. 20 through Jan. 29. Follow four aging farm animals as they navigate the colorful challenges their lives present. Performed with mask, mime, homespun music, and dialogue. Olde Worlde Theatre is dedicated to making classic theatre

arts available to children, adults and life-long learners through family plays that reinforce positive values and responsible choices and are enjoyed by all ages. The Breman Town Musicians takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27; and Saturday, Jan. 28. A matinee will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for children under 12 and are available online at eventbrite.com/e/477692580367 and

at the door, cash only.

DEAN'S LIST Marisa Mendoza and Olivia Oetker of Arcata were named to the fall 2022 dean's list at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. The dean's list recognizes undergraduate students in Pacific's colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Education who earn a grade-point average of at least 3.70 and complete 12 or more

graded credit hours. Pacific University serves nearly 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, optometry and health professions. Committed to inspiring students to think, care, create, and pursue justice in the world, Pacific offers a transformational liberal arts foundation paired with meaningful professional preparation.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

23-00042

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ALLIANCE

2503 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE.

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SHAUN R. FYFE

2503 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE.

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: An individual

S/SHAUN R. FYFE

OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 20, 2023

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

23-00020

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BELL & HOOK PLAZA

863 H STREET

ARCATA, CA 95521

808 G STREET

ARCATA, CA 95521

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

PLAZA HOME INC

CA C3455835

808 G STREET

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

S/NATALIE WALSTON

PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 11, 2023

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JC DEPUTY CLERK

1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SOPHIE EMMA HARPER-MASON

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2201880

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: **SOPHIE EMMA HARPER-MASON**

to Proposed name: **SO-PHIE EMMA NARUM**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 27, 2023

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: DEC. 19, 2022

TIMOTHY A. CANNING

Judge of the Superior Court

1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 2/21

CINCOTTI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ANGELA CINCOTTI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows cause why the court should not grant the authority.

Date: FEB. 17, 2023
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

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Date: FEB. 17, 2023

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Dept.: 4

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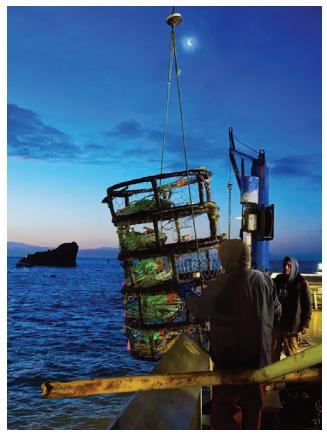
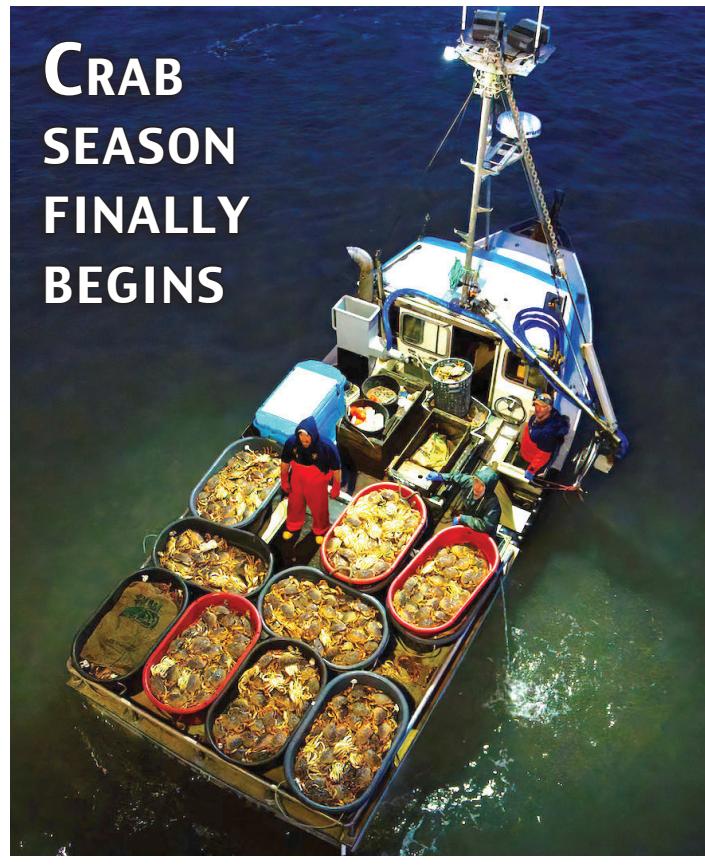
BREAKING BETTER



PHASE ONE BEGINS On Wednesday, Jan. 18, members of the Arcata City Council met with stakeholders and the public at a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project. Above, Arcata Mayor Sarah Schaefer; Jessica Jewett, projects and grants manager for the Engineering Department; Vice Mayor Meredith Matthews; City Councilmember Alex Stillman, Special Projects engineer Doby Class; Rachel Hernandez, wastewater operations and compliance manager; and Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar. Construction activities include a new ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, new electrical building, upgrades to existing facilities, extensive new sewer piping, electrical duct work, a new pump station and a new sewer outfall location. This project is funded in part by HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), and the City's Sewer Fund. For questions related to this project, please contact the City of Arcata's Building & Engineering Department at (707) 825-2176.

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CRAB SEASON FINALLY BEGINS



THE CATCH Crabbers were finally able to begin the annual harvest Jan. 17 after crab season was delayed from Dec. 1. The Trinidad Pier became a hotbed of activity as boats set out, then returned with full crab pots. Below, the end result of their efforts, served up as our photographer's dinner.

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Godwit Days theme for 2023: Renewal & Restoration

GODWIT DAYS FESTIVAL

HUMBOLDT — This year's Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival — April 13 through 16 -- incorporates a theme of rejuvenation. Taking a macro view, the festival itself is coming back close to normal after a 3-year stint of being canceled altogether (2020), consisting of around 10 virtual sessions (2021), and offering only 10

or so in-person events with a couple of virtual ones (2022).

This year, Godwit Days is offering more than 70 in-person events spread across four days. And a whopping 18 of those sessions are brand new or greatly altered from past years! Registration is happening now at www.godwitsdays.org.

On a closer level, the

reintroduction of the California Condor to northwestern California is a textbook example of renewal and restoration.

Godwit Days is offering a free lecture open to the general public on the subject Friday evening, with speakers Tiana Williams-Claussen and Chris West. Tiana, a member of the Yurok Tribe, serves as director of the Tribe's Wildlife Department, while Chris, who has been involved with condors since 1999, is the manager of the Tribe's Northern California Condor Restoration Program.

They will enlighten us about the Yurok Tribe's 14-year journey -- in partnership with governmental and other entities -- to bring Prey-go-neesh home to the Pacific Northwest (event FR26).

The following day, Chris West and Rob Fowler will lead a limited-edition field

trip inland to seek a glimpse of condors, as well as locate other specialty birds of the Bald Hills area (event SA38). [NOTE: This trip sold out the first day registration was open!]

Finally, a good number of our new field trips will take participants to visit habitats that recently have been modified or created outright. These sessions will go to:

- Elk River Estuary south of Eureka, a major salt marsh restoration by the City of Eureka (event TH03);

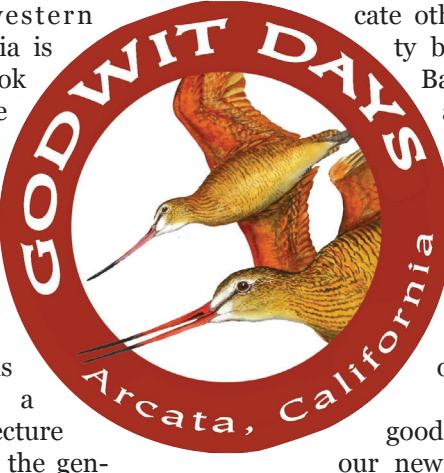
- Ocean Ranch of the Eel River Wildlife Area in Loleto, where the California Department of Fish & Wildlife has performed a major reconfiguration and infrastructure upgrade (events FR15 and SA39);

- School Road (Baduw'a) Restoration Area in McKinleyville, where the nonprofit California Trout, the McKinleyville Community Services District, the Wiyot Tribe and other partners have restored and reconnected over four acres of salmonid habitat and increased public access (event SA41);

- V Street Loop in the Arcata Bottom, where CalTrans has improved wetland habitat and increased parking (event SA43);

- A Sunday 7-hour mega-tour to Humboldt restoration projects that will visit School Road, the V Street Loop, the Elk River Estuary, and Ocean Ranch, where participants will hear from representatives of the agencies and organizations involved in these projects about how they benefit wildlife and why they were undertaken (event SU66).

Plan to join Godwit Days for these special new field trips, as well as other never-before-offered ones, "Classic" trips that are popular every year, "Gold" trips where sign-ups are limited to a group of 10 people (and include lunch!), and other events in-between (including 15 free events).



PLEIN AIR-TIST Stock Schlueter.

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Clam Beach Run Sunday

TRINIDAD TO CLAM BEACH RUN

The 57th annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Honoring Ford Hess and in Memory of Mark Conover is set for Sunday, Jan. 29 starting at 11:30 a.m. from the Saunders Park area off Patrick's Point Drive.

There is a 5 3/4 mile race only this year.

The race, which Coach

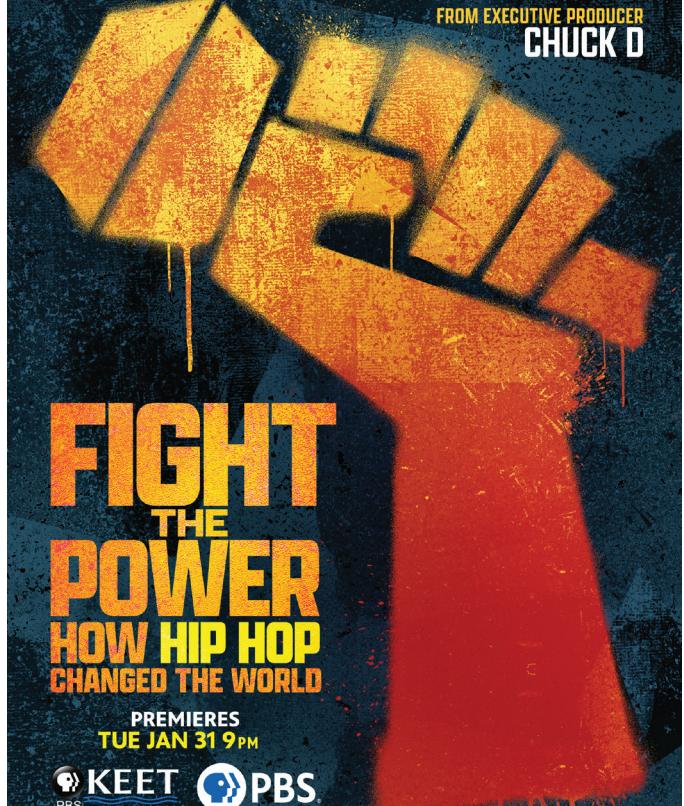
Ford Hess started in 1966 as winter training for HSU track athletes, will honor running champion Mark Conover, who died of cancer at age 61 in April 2022. Mark Conover was a nine-time All American athlete who won a national cross country championship in 1981 and who won the Olympic Marathon Trials in 1988. He was honored in the Cal Poly Humboldt Hall of Fame 1993.

Melanie Ward, race director for the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce sponsored event, reminds runners that stormy weather will not hold up the race. "There's a possibility you may cross the finish line a little soaked, but smiling either way" she says. For safety, Humboldt County Public Works department recommends that runners gather at the Saunders Park area on Janis Court and Patrick's Point Drive near the library-museum-Chevron station one minute ahead of the race and stay clear of Patrick's Point Drive ahead of time.

The runners will cross Main Street to Scenic Drive for three miles and then turn right down to Moonstone Beach and cross the Little River before continuing south on the sand along Clam Beach. The race ends near Strawberry Creek.

Born in Oakland in 1949, Stock Schlueter paints outdoors and in his studio at 208 C St. in Eureka. In his on-the-spot plein air work, he is known for recreating the "mood, feeling and temperature of landscapes." He is the recipient of many awards, among them "Best Artist Over 65" in the Plein Air Salon Art Competition. To arrange a studio visit, email stockschielter@gmail.com.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net



Noche de información de Inscripción para familias Jueves, 9 de febrero 6:00-7:30 PM

- Grados TK a 5°
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- Ofrecemos arte y música Cultural
- Prácticas restaurativas
- Aprendizaje de emociones sociales
- Aula sensible al trauma
- Programa de jornada extendida

Le invitamos a visitar las aulas! Llame para hacer una cita

Inscripción abierta: 13 de enero-3 de abril

1730 Janes Rd, Arcata Para mas información llamar al (707) 822-3348

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